

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> 7009 1680 0000 7661 8755 <u>RETURN RECIEPT REQUESTED</u>

Marcia Willhite, Chief Bureau of Water Division of Water Pollution Control Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Post Office Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Review of NPDES Permit, Citgo Petroleum Corporation, Lemont, IL Permit No. IL0001589

Dear Ms. Willhite:

On January 14, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency objected to the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (Permit) prepared by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for the Citgo Petroleum Corporation, Lemont Refinery. On April 11, 2013, in response to EPA's objection, IEPA provided a revised draft permit. Based on our review of the April 11, 2013, draft permit, EPA is withdrawing its objections to the above-referenced draft permit in accordance with 40 CFR 123.44(g).

Consistent with 40 CFR 123.44(j); IEPA should finalize the permit for issuance. If IEPA makes any change or modification to the April 11, 2013, permit, IEPA must transmit the revised permit to EPA for review. At that time, EPA will have ninety days from receipt of the proposed permit to make general comments upon, objections to, or recommendations with respect to the proposed permit.

Subject to the above conditions, the permit may be issued in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process and your thoughtful consideration of our comments.

If you have any questions related to EPA's review, please contact Patrick Kuefler of my staff. Mr. Kuefler can be reached by telephone at (312) 353-6268 or by Email at Kuefler.patrick@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Γinka G. Hyde

Director, Water Division

cc: Citgo Petroleum Corporation Shu-Mei Tsai, Permit Writer, IEPA